

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 as follows.

*Sub C1*  
1. (Twice Amended) A three piece solid golf ball comprising:  
a center core, an intermediate layer, and a cover enclosing the core  
through the intermediate layer;

*B1*  
said center core having a diameter of at least 29 mm (1.1417 inches) and  
a specific gravity of less than 1.4;

*B5*  
said intermediate layer formed of an ionomer resin base composition and  
having a thickness of at least 1 mm (0.03937 inches), a specific gravity of less than 1.2,  
and a hardness of at least 85 on JIS C (Shore C) scale, the specific gravity of said  
intermediate layer being lower than the specific gravity of said center core; and said  
cover having a thickness of 1 to 3 mm (0.03937 to 0.1182 inches) and being softer than  
said intermediate layer. *1246* *Claim 1*

*Sub C2*  
*B2*  
3. (Once Amended) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein said center core has  
a hardness of 45 to 80 on JIS C (Shore C) scale and said cover has a hardness of 50  
to 85 on JIS C (Shore C) scale. *Claim 3* *1246* *(w/o Shore C)*

*B3*  
5. (Once Amended) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the diameter of said  
center core is in the range of 29-37 mm (1.1417 to 1.4567 inches). *Claim 5* *of 1246*

*Sub C3*  
*B4*  
8. (Once Amended) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the hardness of said  
intermediate layer is in the range of 85-100 on JIS C (Shore C) scale. *Identical to 1246*

## IN THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the present Abstract and replace it with:

*B5*  
-- Disclosed herein is a multi-layer golf ball utilizing a particular arrangement of  
materials having certain dimensions, specific gravities, and hardnesses. In one  
aspect of the present invention, the golf ball has a center core, an intermediate layer,  
and a cover layer. The center core has a diameter of at least 29 mm (1.1417 inches)